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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LOS

REF: STATE 85109

1. APRIL 13 POL/ECOM COUNSELOR DELIVERED SPANISH TRANSLATION OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO ACTING UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, JAVIER MURILLO, AND DISCUSSED POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, BOLIVIA'S REPRESENTATIVE TO LOS NEGOTIATIONS, FELIPE TREDENICK, IS BOLIVIA'S EXPERT ON SUBJECT, BUT MURILLO IS INTERESTED AND FAMILIAR WITH THE SUBJECT. HE SAID HE WOULD SEND TREDENICK IN NEW YORK A TELEGRAM ON THE ITEMS DISCUSSED.

2. WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPHS 2 (A), (B), & (C) OF REFTEL: (A) MURILLO SAID THAT WHILE IT WAS PREMATURE FOR BOLIVIA TO HAVE A SPECIFIC POSITION ON MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH SINCE IT DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE SEA, HE IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEED TO CARRY ON RESEARCH IN A RELATIVELY UNRESTRICTED FASHION SINCE THIS WOULD BENEFIT ALL NATIONS, AND HE SAID BOLIVIA'S VIEWS ARE BASICALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE US ON THIS ISSUE.

(B) HE ALSO AGREED WITH THE NEED FOR AN IMPARTIAL DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM.

(C) MURILLO BELIEVES A DEEP SEA BED REGIME IS ESPECIALLY NECESSARY TO PRESERVE SEA RESOURCES. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE SAID THAT BOLIVIA IS GRAVELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF DEEP SEA BED MINING ON MARKETS AND PRICES FOR TRADITIONAL MINERALS PRODUCERS LIKE BOLIVIA, AND HE SEES MUCH MERIT IN THE US PROPOSAL THAT AN INTERNATIONAL SEA BED AUTHORITY PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AS WELL AS THE NEED FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE TO LAND-BASED PRODUCERS.

3. MURILLO SAID HE WOULD READ THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT FURTHER AT A LATER DATE. EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION IS THAT TREDENICK PRETTY MUCH ESTABLISHES BOLIVIA'S COURSE IN NEGOTIATIONS, BUT THAT HE CLEARS HIS POSITIONS WITH

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THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, IF US DELEGATION HAS ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS
OR ISSUES REGARDING BOLIVIA'S NEGOTIATING POSITION, EMBASSY
WOULD BE HAPPY TO RAISE THEM WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY. STEDMAN